

My name is Francis P. and I live in Arden Hills, less than a half mile south of the TCAAP site. I have lived within a half mile for my entire life—I was about two months old when they broke ground for the TCAAP development in 1941.

I would love to see the TCAAP site acquired by the State of Minnesota and developed into a regional park for all of us to use and enjoy.

I do not believe that we need more retail, commercial, or residential development in this area at this time. New Brighton has not been able to bring development to its Northwest Quadrant and they have been working on that for years, at great expense to their taxpayers. Arden Hills has (or will have) significant vacancies in its commercial spaces, especially the commercial space west of Round Lake. The economic conditions do not support development of the TCAAP site at this time.

On the other hand, the TCAAP site could be turned into a gem of a regional park. There is no other area like TCAAP in the metro area as far as I know. Almost 2300 acres on a site is unheard of in a metropolitan area. Let's not waste this treasure. Let's make it a playground for residents to use year-round.